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Dear Harold:

I am glad that you have given Selwyn such firm support. Before your cable arrived I had sent to Herter a message telling him that I thought Selwyn had developed well in his post and that in my opinion he was doing a fine job. I think your statement should neutralize any damage done to his prestige by the TIMES article of June first.

This morning I shall be in a press conference and I shall undoubtedly be questioned closely about any discernible progress at Geneva and therefore the possibility of a Summit Conference.

As you know, I adhere to my position that a Summit meeting based on nothing more than wishful thinking would be a disaster.

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The White House:ph 6/3/59

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s/s - Mr. Calhoun

Mrs. Ann Whitman
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The world would interpret such a move as being a virtual surrender, while Soviet prestige would be enhanced.

On the other hand, we agreed in our conversations at Camp David that we could afford to make a rather liberal definition of progress. While I agree that a document formulating our two positions would be a useful document, I do think we must also have something recognizable as a specific accomplishment. For example there might be included as a prerequisite in your formula something of this sort: ~~Since~~ "Since the Geneva Conference is partially a result of the crisis of Berlin, created by the Soviet Union, there must be an agreement confirming the continuing status of Berlin pending the reunification of Germany." I do not see how any of us can with self-respect go to a Summit meeting unless such a statement has been issued by the Soviets or an agreement to this effect has been consummated.

While I shall not try to give at my press conference a full list of the things that would spell additional real progress at the Foreign Ministers' meeting, we might hope for a widening of contacts between the two sides of the Iron Curtain, particularly in the fields of press exchanges, books and travel by private citizens. Other ways in which progress might be achieved would be by some firm agreement for initial steps in banning of particular tests and control thereof.

I repeat that the production by the Foreign Ministers of a reasonable paper for us to work on at a Summit Conference, together

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with the assurance that there will be no further attempts to restrict¹ our rights and privileges with respect to Berlin, constitute the very minimum that would justify a Summit meeting.

These are not new ideas; so far as I know, all of us are agreed on them.

With warm regard,

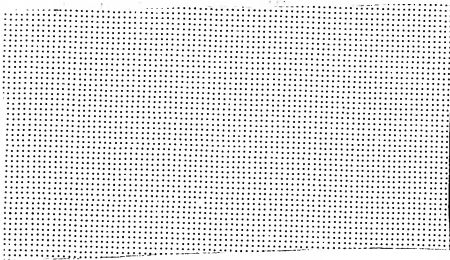
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